

REMARKS:

Claims 1, 2, 5-8, 10-16, 18, 19, 22-25 and 27-33 are currently pending among which claims 1 and 18 are independent claims. Claim 35 has been withdrawn from consideration.

Claim 1-3, 5-20 and 22-34 are rejected under 35 USC 112, first paragraph, as based on a disclosure which is not enabling. The Examiner argued that the weight percentage range of particles is believed to be critical or essential to the practice of the invention but not included in the claims. In the above amendment, Applicant has incorporated the limitation in claim 4 into claim 1. In addition, Applicant has incorporated the limitations recited in claims 3, 9 and 17 into claim 1. Likewise, Applicant has incorporated the limitations in claims 20, 21, 26 and 34 into claim 1.

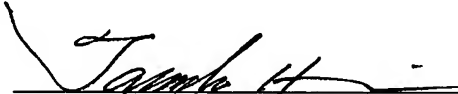
Claims 1-34 are rejected under 35 USC 112, first paragraph, as failing to comply with the written description requirement. The Examiner argued that the amendment to claims 1 and 18 to add "elongate" is believed to be new matter. More specifically, the Examiner argued that the term "needle shaped" is not believed to supply the necessary support required to overcome a new matter based objection. Applicant has cancelled "elongate" from claims 1 and 18 because Applicant has quantitatively defined the terminology by incorporating the relevant dependent claims into the independent claims.

However, Applicant respectfully disagree with the Examiner that the term "elongate" is a new matter. Applicant would like to call the Examiner's attention to paragraph 16 of the specification, which defines the term "needle-shaped" to be "steeple-shaped," "pillar-shaped," or "rod-like shape."

Respectfully submitted,

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